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Mr. Brian V. Kinney
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Department of Defense
Room 1D517, Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Mr. Kinney:

Your memorandum of 28 October 1983 forwarded to us a Memo for the Record, dated 10 June 1955 entitled, "Proposed Saudi Arabian Pipeline" with the request that we review its classification status. We have reviewed the document and have no objection to its declassification and release from the CIA point of view.

The document is returned to you herewith as requested. We have added our classification review stamp showing our action.

Sincerely,

Chief, Classification Review Division Office of Information Services Directorate of Administration

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FEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Proposed Saudi Arebian Pipeline

On 8 June I received a call from Mr. George Prussing, CIA. Mr. Prussing advised he had just been to New York and had occasion to talk to Mr. Harry B. Britton, Vice President of TAPline (ARANCO). Mr. Britton had been designated to make studies on the cost and feasibility of the proposed pipeline in Saudi Arabia. According to Mr. Prussing, Mr. Britton "blew his top" for about 30 minutes and stated that he disagreed in principle with the proposal and had alternate methods which were better. He was apparently disburbed because he had not been brought in on the conversations before and thought "the least General White could do is to invite me down to fight this problem out."

Mr. Prussing called us since Mr. Terry Duce is in Arabia and Mr. Chapman was out of town.

I advised Mr. Prussing that in view of General White's trip to Saudi Arabia and discussions with Mr. Chapman we had thought the proposal well coordinated with ARAMCO and that any oversight in not discussing it with Mr. Britton was unintentional. I also advised Mr. Prussing that it was our original intention to turn the problem over to MPAB but that Mr. Chapman had suggested it go directly to ARAMCO.

It was decided that nothing should be done pending Mr. Chapman's return on 13 June and at that time if all agreed a wire would be sent to General White outlining the problem and suggesting that he contact Mr. Britton while in New York enroute home from Europe, time permitting.

THE C.I.A. HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE DECLASSIFICATION OF THIS DOCUMENT.

A. D. Hagen Lt. Col., USAF Executive Officer

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